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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE - 10TH PLENARY SESSION
AUGUST 24 - AFTERNOON

SUMMARY: CONTINUATION OF GENERAL DEBATE, INCLUDING ITEM 7 ON
"RECENT DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS." LIST OF
SPEAKERS INCLUDED ALBANIA, BELORUSSIA, BURBA, ZAMBIA, CHAD,
ROMANIA (SEPTTEL), NIGERIA, THAILAND, SYRIA, MAURITANIA,
BANGLADESH AND CONGO. NORTH KOREA, SOUTH KOREA, ISRAEL, USSR
AND ALBANIA GIVEN FLOOR IN "RIGHT OF REPLY". END SUMMARY

2. PLENARY DEBATE LIVENED UP TOWARD THE END OF PM SESSION WHEN
FIVE COUNTRIES EXERCISED THEIR "RIGHT OF REPLY". NORTH KOREA
(PRK) WAS REPLYING TO SOUTH KOREA'S EARLIER REPLY; IN A LENGTHY
STATEMENT, PRK REJECTED ROK ACCUSATION OF INTERFERENCE IN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH KOREA ON GROUNDS THAT IT HAD A RIGHT
TO SPEAK UP ON LIVING CONDITIONS OF PEOPLE INHABITING THE SAME
TERRITORY. PRK ACCUSED SAIGON GOVERNMENT OF WISHING TO
PERPETUATE THE COUNTRY'S DIVISION WHILE PRK BELIEVES THAT KOREA
MUST BE UNIFIED BECAUSE DIVISION BRINGS SUFFERING TO KOREAN
PEOPLE. PRK ALSO CALLED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN
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TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA. SOUTH KOREA CAME BACK SAYING THAT

NORTH KOREA'S STATEMENT WAS A GOOD CASE OF DISTORTIONS AND FABRICATION OF LIES.

ISRAEL CALLED SYRIA'S REFERENCE TO A "CLIMATE OF RELIGIOUS AND ETHNIC DISCRIMINATION IN ISRAEL" IN FLAGRANT CONTRADICTION TO SPIRIT AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CONFERENCE. ISRAELI DELEGATE ALSO FOUND DEPLORABLE THE ATTACK ON ISRAEL IN AN EARLIER STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH POPULATION CONFERENCE WHO ADDRESSED THE PLENARY.

SOVIET DELEGATE SIMPLY STATED THAT EACH WORD ABOUT USSR IN ALBANIA'S STATEMENT IS A LIE; EVERY PHRASE A LIBEL. ALBANIA ACCUSED THE "TWO SUPERPOWERS" OF PILLAGING LDC'S AND THUS GIVING RAISE TO THEIR POPULATION PROBLEMS.

ALBANIA ON A "REDIRECT", INQUIRED ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF USSR'S ARMS ARSENAL. MILITARY EQUIPMENT, ALBANIA MAINTAINED, IS SOLD AT A PROFIT USED SUBSEQUENTLY TO EXPLOIT LDC'S. FURTHERMORE, SOVIET AID REQUIRES MILITARY AND POLITICAL CONCESSION ON THE PART OF LDCS. ALL SOVIET DELEGATES WALKED OUT DURING ALBANIA'S REBUTTAL.

2. IN MOST COUNTRY STATEMENTS, PRINCIPAL EMPHASIS WAS AGAIN PLACED ON ECONOMIC SOLUTIONS TO POPULATION PROBLEMS (ALBANIA, BELORUSSIAN SSR, BURMA, ZAMBIA, ROMANIA, SYRIA, MAURITANIA, CONGO), INCLUDING BETTER TERMS OF TRADE, FOREIGN AID, EASIER CREDIT, AS WELL AS GENERAL ECONOMIC PROGRESS.

3. BANGLADESH MADE AN EMOTIONAL STATEMENT ON ITS ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES, CONCLUDING THAT IT HAS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO CURB POPULATION GROWTH BY ALL POSSIBLE MEANS AND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN A SIMILAR VEIN, CHAD EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN ABOUT ITS ECONOMIC PROSPECTS AND STRESSED ITS DEPENDENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE. THE SPEAKER WAS A LITTLE AMBIGUOUS ON CHAD'S ATTITUDE TOWARD FAMILY PLANNING.

4. THAILAND DECLARED THAT SUCCESS OF COUNTRY'S FAMILY UNCLASSIFIED

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PLANNING PROGRAM IS ESSENTIAL FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF CRUCIAL ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES.

5. NIGERIA'S REPRESENTATIVE OBSERVED "WITH IMMENSE INTEREST AND PLEASURE" THE TREND TOWARD ADOPTING GLOBAL APPROACHES TO INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS BUT WAS NOT CONVINCED THAT THE SAME LINE COULD BE PURSUED IN SOLVING POPULATION PROBLEM. MOREOVER, HE BELIEVES THAT IN

LIGHT OF PRESENT DAY REALITIES, EFFORTS TO PROMOTE
FERTILITY CONTROL BEFORE ACHIEVING HIGH LEVEL OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT ARE MERELY 'DIVERSIONARY.' NIGERIA LOOKS
FORWARD TO ADOPTION OF A PLAN OF ACTION WHICH IS REALISTIC,
AND 'FEASIBLE AND INDICATIVE' RATHER THAN 'RIGID AND PRE-
SCRIPTIVE.'

6. GENERAL DEBATE IS SCHEDULED TO CONCLUDE IN TWO
EXTENDED SESSIONS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 26.
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